

Mary Arizpe began her teaching career at seven by “grading” her siblings’ pictures in a coloring book. She advanced her budding career by helping out in her mother’s Special Education classes. Following the birth of her children, Mrs. Arizpe began baby sitting, and was lauded by friends because she didn’t just watch the children—she taught them as well.

Mary began her career teaching a class of two-year-olds. The children’s excitement was contagious, and she was amazed at how much she enjoyed her job.

Mary Arizpe teaches her students to like, if not love school. In her classroom, hugs and praise are given freely in a climate of acceptance where all students can feel happy and successful. She believes teaching these traits

in early schooling prepares her students to weather any future challenges they might encounter.

I am privileged to acknowledge Mary Arizpe, the Kyle Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Through her passion and love of teaching, Mrs. Arizpe provides her community with an abundance of excellent leadership.